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523 North Korean Army Unit

1.  the headquarters of the 523 North Korean Army Unit (NKAU) was in three civilian houses in Karhyon-ni (N 38-06, E 125-22) (YC-075200), Hwanghae Province. The 523 NKAU was an infantry regiment with about 2,000 men. Equipment in use by one battalion consisted of two Soviet direct firing guns, number of heavy and light machine guns, PPSH's, and rifles, one Soviet truck, and two horsecarts. Subordinate elements of the regiment were in the following locations:

Battalion headquarters	Unidentified village in Hunam-myon (XC-9020)
Battalion headquarters	Hanam-dong (XC-885090), in one tile-roofed and four grass-roofed houses
Company	Chop'o (XC-926128)
Company	P'anso-dong (XC-881109)
Company	Tumu-dong (XC-86010)
Platoon	Yonmip'o (XC-850100), in a civilian house
Platoon	Wolch'on-ni (XC-864070), in a civilian house
Platoon	Pip'a-ri (XC-887052), in a civilian house
Battalion headquarters	Yongch'on-myon at XB-823980, in eight civilian houses
Company	Yongam-ni at XC-820046

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Company Kōri-dong (XC-772016)  
Company Pokhwan-dong (XB-876934)

2. Ammunition and food supplies such as rice and potatoes were transported from regimental headquarters to the battalions by truck. Occasionally marine products were purchased locally. The men wore tattered summer uniforms, as winter uniforms had not been issued. During the day they dug trenches, and patrolled the coastline. At night there were sentries on duty in each village in which they were stationed.

443 NKAU

3. [redacted] the headquarters of the 443 NKAU was in Naengjōng-ni (N 37-56, E 125-24) (YC-1101) in four buildings and in an air-raid shelter which the Japanese had built in 1944 to be used as an airfield office. The 443 NKAU was an infantry regiment with a strength of about 2,200 men.<sup>2</sup> Subordinate elements of the regiment were in the following locations:

1st Battalion headquarters	Sō-myōn at XB-923940
Company	Kirin-do (XB-7987)
Company	Ch'angrin-do (XB-9086)
Platoon	Mahap-to (XB-7398)
2nd Battalion headquarters	Hūngmi-myōn at YB-147817
Company	Sunwi-do (YB-0379)
Company	Ohwa-do (XB-9780)
Company	Tūngsan-got (YB-0771), dispersed in the coastal area
3rd Battalion headquarters	Tangjang-ni (YB-0595), dispersed along the coastal area from Tangjang-ni to Yonghodo (YB-0584)

4. The 443 NKAU was equipped with a number of direct firing guns, heavy and light machine guns, PPSH's, and rifles. Supplies and personnel were transported by Soviet trucks and jeeps, and horsecarts, as well as by two motor boats, three sail boats, and ten row boats. On 3 November the men were in worn summer uniforms since the winter uniforms had not yet been issued. From early October to early November they were engaged in constructing trenches, artillery positions, and air-raid shelters.

Soviet-Chinese Comfort Team at the 443 NKAU

5. [redacted] a comfort team of two Soviets and 28 Chinese arrived at the 443 NKAU in four trucks and two jeeps. A welcome meeting was attended by 20,000 (sic) civilians and 700 soldiers. The comfort team emphasized common defense and friendship among the Soviets, Chinese, and Koreans. They also promised to do their best to achieve unification of Korea. [redacted]

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